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Greenbelt Triangle Grading Creates Pond Along Roadside

by Elaine Skolnik

Clearing and grading operations are nearing completion on 27 of the 55 acre Greenbelt Triangle tract. However, all sedimentation controls have not been fully implemented as required prior to grading. Bad weather conditions were cited by the Prince Georges County Department of Licenses and Permits (DLP) as having delayed the process.

Sedimentation controls, such as ponds, piping and ditches, are required to be installed during the construction phase so that water will be retained on the site. In this way, sediment will not run off beyond the property. Already in place is a pond along Greenbelt Road at the entrance to the Triangle tract, which acts as a silt trap by allowing water to collect, then drain through a pipe into a storm drain that runs under Greenbelt Road into a stream in Greenbelt Park. The sediment remains in the pond which measures 400 feet in length, and varies in width from 30 feet to 60 feet.

Bricks have also been set in place south of the city property to assure proper drainage and to protect the city land.

Scheduled to be installed within the next week are (1) a pond on the western portion of the property and (2) a swale adjacent to the existing pond near Greenbelt Road.

According to DLP, all the earth cut from the Capitol Cadillac site has been distributed elsewhere on the 27 acres. Weather permitting, top soil will be spread over the cleared area this week (with the exception of those areas utilized for sediment control and the Capitol Cadillac site) with seed to be applied next week.

After an inspection trip of the Triangle on Monday, city manager James K. Giese observed that the grading plans require more cutting of earth than has already been done behind the Capitol Cadillac site for a 15 foot embankment.

Plans

The city has received from Triangle engineers, Ben Dyer and Associates, (1) a plan for grading the entire Triangle tract in accordance with the overall concept plan and (2) a revised landscape plan for Capitol Cadillac showing the number and kinds of trees that will be replanted to replace those cut down in violation of the site plan. Both plans will be presented to council at its November 28 meeting.

The Urban Design Division of the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission also received the plans and will be discussing them with various technical agencies and the city of Greenbelt. Urban Design staff expects to make an on-site survey of the Triangle in an effort to identify trees or natural features that could be preserved. They are especially interested in maintaining a buffer around the property.

Inspection

Chief Building Inspector Arthur Brown notes that the county does not have enough building inspectors. DLP has 40 inspectors, each averaging from 10 to 15 on-site calls a day.

Usually inspectors check sites at various stages of development - before, during and after construction. As the contractor completes each operation, he must notify DLP before starting the next stage.

Brown points out that where there are special conditions attached to the plans, as in the case of the Triangle, inspectors survey the site not less than two times a week.

Tidbit

While city staff looked over the Triangle tract last week, they left their truck parked on top of a hill. When they returned, they found that excavation had taken place both in front of and behind the vehicle, leaving it in solitary splendor,

with no way out. Luckily the contractor rose to the occasion, dumping in dirt for a made-to-order road. For a while there they thought they'd have to blast off!

Capital Centre Hosts Moscow Circus

The Greenbelt Recreation Department will sponsor a trip to see the Moscow Circus at the Capital Centre on Fri. night, Dec. 16. Group prices will be available at considerable savings. Sign up this Sat., Nov. 26 at the Greenbelt Youth Center from 9 a.m. - 12 noon. Participation is on a first come, first served basis. For additional information, call the Recreation Department, weekdays 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878.

County Approves Sewer For SHL North Tract

Elaine Skolnik

Over the objections of the Greenbelt City Council the Prince Georges County Council on November 15 voted to approve a proposed amendment (CR-95) to the county's Ten Year Water and Sewerage Plan that would allocate water and sewer service to the Springhill Lake North commercial tract within the next two years. The Greenbelt council feared that development of the 30.06 acre tract prior to the improvement of the Kenilworth-Greenbelt Road intersection would further exacerbate traffic problems at the intersection. Improvements are not anticipated until after 1982.

Councilman Parris Glendening moved unsuccessfully to reject advancing the project in the Ten Year and Sewerage Plan, based on Greenbelt's objections. He was supported by Frank Casula and Floyd Wilson. However, they later voted for CR-92, which also included two other parcels seeking sewer service.

The county's action to transfer the Springhill Lake North project from service area 6 (no sewerage planned) to service area 3, will permit sewer hookup within one to two years. The county council on August 2 granted the project sewage capacity from the Lower Anacostia Interim Sewage Treatment Plant.

City's Position

In its letter to the county council, the city stressed that it was recommending disapproval because of "the inability of the unimproved Kenilworth Avenue-Greenbelt Road intersection to accommodate the increased traffic resulting from the development that would take place under this change. This heavily overloaded intersection is rapidly becoming intolerable as a result of development now underway on the Greenbelt "Golden" Triangle, Greenbriar and Windsor Green."

Development Plans

The Springhill Lake North development will include five 10-story office buildings with a combined gross floor space of 500,000 square feet. A 200-room motor inn and convention center with restaurant facilities also will be built. The proposed complex, located at the intersection of Kenilworth Avenue and the Beltway, is expected to cost \$23.7 million at completion. Construction of the first office building will start next year with the full commercial center expected to be completed in 1985, provided market conditions are favorable.

AGENDA REGULAR MEETING OF CITY COUNCIL Mon., November 28, 1977 8:00 P.M.

I. ORGANIZATION

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Meditation
Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag
4. Minutes of Meetings
5. Additions to Agenda by Councilmen and Manager

II. COMMUNICATIONS

6. Petitions and Requests
7. Administrative Reports
8. Committee Reports

III. OLD BUSINESS

9. A Resolution to Authorize the Sale and Transfer by Deed of the Ridge Road Center Property Located at 22 Ridge Road Consisting of 3.13 Acres More or Less to the City of Greenbelt Housing for the Elderly, Inc., for the Sum of One Hundred and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$125,000)

1. Greenbelt Triangle -
 - a. Conceptual Grading Plan
 - b. Landscape Plan - Revised
11. Before and After School Supervised Children's Program
12. Stop Sign - Ridge Road and Eastway and Ridge Road and Northway
13. Traffic Safety on Lakeside Drive

IV. NEW BUSINESS

14. ORDINANCE to Establish "Special Building Fund of 1977", to Loan \$10,000 and to Appropriate Same for the Purpose of Providing Temporary Financing for the Construction of an Addition to the Greenbelt Fire Station - First Reading
15. ORDINANCE to Appropriate \$33,000 - First Reading
16. Metro Rail-Bus Interface Plan
17. Alignment for Proposed WSSC 96" Water Main
18. Naming of Courts in Windsor Green
19. State Highway Improvement Program
20. Traffic Safety - Greenbelt Junior High School
21. Jaycee Club House -
 - a. Request for Use by Youth Groups
 - b. Lease with Jaycees
22. Department of Interior Access to Schrom Commercial Property
23. Annexation of Schrom Property
24. Signs at Springhill Lake Recreation Center
25. Prison Labor
26. Licensing of Group Homes in Municipalities
27. County-Municipal Liaison Program
28. Bicycle Path on Greenbelt Road
29. Practice Field at Lakecrest Drive (Prince James Way)
30. Outback in Prince Georges County Health Department Facilities

ELDERLY HOUSING COMMITTEE FORMS; PILSKI IS PRESIDENT

by Mary Lou Williamson

The Board of Directors of the Greenbelt Housing for the Elderly, Inc., met for the first time Wednesday, November 16, in the city council chambers. The five directors, who are likewise the five city councilmen, elected officers, adopted bylaws and set November 29 as their next meeting date.

Also present were Louis Pohoryles, who will be the loan attorney, and his assistant, John Evans; Jennifer Alpern and Bob Silverwood, the city's elderly housing consultants from Metropolitan Development Corporation; and Dick Lombardo, representing Harkins, Inc., the company which offered the lowest bid for construction of the elderly housing building.

The first order of business was the election of Richard R. Pilski as temporary chairman of the organizational meeting, followed by the adoption of the bylaws.

Bylaws Approved

The "Boiler plate bylaws are very operational and are easy to amend," stated Pohoryles. They need to be adopted before any real business can be done by the corporation. Weidenfeld had inquired as to whether adoption of the bylaws could be put off until the next meeting in order to give the directors more time to study them. In effect, Pohoryles said not. Boiler plate, a common legal term, means standard bylaws, something to start with.

ANNIVERSARY ISSUE

With this issue, the News Review is celebrating its 40th birthday. Despite overburdened editors, uncertain finances, frequent changes of personnel, and a libel suit, the paper has been coming out faithfully once a week for 40 years.

To mark the occasion, this week's issue contains a special supplement featuring selected articles, columns, editorials, and letters from past issues that had more than passing interest. Since a similar selection appeared in our 35th anniversary issue, those appearing here mainly represent the last 5 years.

Under the loan attorney's guidance the directors passed several amendments to the bylaws to provide for specific needs. For example, the annual meeting will take place on the first Monday night in October, in order to follow closely behind the city election, which determines who the city council members will be that are to sit on the board.

Officers Elected

Richard R. Pilski, as temporary chairman, opened the floor to nominations for officers of the board. Gil Weidenfeld nominated Charles F. Schwan as president. "Schwan," he said, "has been the council's liaison to the Senior Citizens Advisory Board, has spent a considerable amount of time on the (city's elderly housing) program and is very familiar with the program. He would be the ideal choice." Weidenfeld also nominated Richard Castaldi as secretary and James K. Giese as Executive Vice President. Officers will serve until the next annual meeting.

Castaldi, concerned that the mayor as titular head of Greenbelt should at least be offered the position as president, nominated Pilski. Schwan immediately withdrew, saying, "I would be honored to serve as president. However, the project is too important for us to

initiate it with any controversy over the election of officers."

Castaldi apologized to Schwan for putting him in that position, but said again he felt it was proper that Pilski be offered the job. "I expected one of you to withdraw, but didn't know who would do it," Castaldi added.

The City Clerk, Gudrun Mills, and Giese's secretary, Dorothy Lauber, were appointed assistant secretaries in order to facilitate the signing of such papers as minutes of meetings. Both Thomas X. White and Dennis Piendak, the assistant city manager and treasurer for the City of Greenbelt, were appointed assistant treasurers.

The directors agreed to use Suburban Trust Company as their depository for corporate funds, as recommended by Giese. The City of Greenbelt also banks at Suburban Trust. Giese pointed out the convenience of having a branch within walking distance. Several directors commented on the low interest, 3.5% charged to the city on its tax anticipation note to fund preliminary work for the project. The note is held by Suburban Trust.

In another action the directors agreed to accept the Maryland Community Development Administration's (CDA) commitment to finance the project. Under this commitment the corporation agrees to construct and operate an elderly housing facility. CDA agrees to the financing and provides mortgage insurance through the Maryland Housing Fund. Involved also is an agreement to enter into a housing assistance payments contract. According to Giese, the loan financing responsibility gives CDA a great deal of control over budgeting for the project. CDA is working out all the details to their satisfaction to be "sure this is a workable program," he added.

Next Meeting

The next meeting has tentatively been set for Tuesday, November 29. Items expected to be on the agenda include: (1) formal appointment of Pohoryles as loan attorney, (2) preparation of loan documents for December 1 closing with CDA; and (3) award of contract for construction.

Giese told the News Review that hopefully "by next Tuesday all the loose ends will be wrapped up," so that the corporation may prepare for settlement. The meeting "could be deferred, if things aren't ready."

If they don't meet as a Board, they will meet as a city council in a work session to discuss the project.

Schedule

If all goes well, a ground breaking ceremony will be held about December 17 or 18. Demolition of the Ridge Road Center could possibly begin before that date.

If all does not go well, December 31 is the final deadline for settlement. The construction bids are only good until then and the city does not want to go out for bid again.

WHAT GOES ON

Thurs., Nov. 24, 10:30 a.m. Interfaith Thanksgiving Service, Greenbelt Community Church.
Sat., Nov. 26, 11 a.m. Santa arrives at Beltway Plaza.
Mon., Nov. 28, 8 p.m. City Council Meeting, Municipal Building.
Tues., Nov. 29, 8 p.m. Board of Directors of Greenbelt Housing For the Elderly, Inc. tentative meeting.

LIBRARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Small Is Beautiful, by E. Schumacher, will be discussed at the Greenbelt Branch Library Thurs., Dec. 1 at 10 a.m. Sub-titled "Economics as if People Mattered," this humanely oriented approach to the earth's future should provoke some interesting conversation. Everyone is welcome to join the group. Copies of the book are available at the branch. For further information, phone 345-5800.

31. Amendment to General Plan - Prince Georges County
32. Clean Air Act Amendments
33. Proposed Landfill - Brevard Site
34. Easement to Board of Education
35. Unemployment Compensation
36. Election Precincts
37. Special Holiday
38. Meetings

V. MISCELLANEOUS

NOTE: This is a preliminary agenda subject to change.

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THANKS PARTICIPANTS

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, I wish to thank those 54 GHI committee members who participated in reviewing the draft "Planning and Rehabilitation Study." These members met at least one evening and all day Saturday of last week to evaluate, comment on and criticize the draft document. As a result of their efforts, the corporation's suggestions to the consultant will be much better than otherwise might have been the case and, in turn, the final report will be stronger than it would have been had there not been such vigorous review.

I should thank, too, the many members who returned the membership questionnaire. The rate of return, 50 per cent, was extremely high — high enough so that the results can be used with complete confidence.

The cooperation of the committee members and those GHI members who are not on committees has been such that promise of rehabilitation appears likely to become reality.

In our zeal to ensure that no copies of the draft report were not put to use, we were embarrassed to discover that we had no copies to give a few non-committee members who attended the Saturday review session. They were able to share copies with others present, but we regret our oversight and the inconvenience we caused.

James W. Smith
 President,
 Greenbelt, Homes, Inc.

CITY NOTES

The general crew spent several days this week patching Ridge Road. The area near 33, 35 and 37 courts was completed. Some storm sewer work and removal of leaves from catch basins were also accomplished.

The park crew has been cutting grass along street shoulders in Springhill Lake and operating the chipper and leaf vacuum. The damaged goal posts from Braden Field were temporarily repaired pending replacement. The CETA crew has continued working on the drainage swale along Braden Field. A tree that was to be left standing near the addition to the Municipal Building had to be removed to accommodate the re-routing of the sanitary sewer line.

The building maintenance crew has been working at the youth center on the heating plant. Some work was done in the swimming pool filter room and at the Ridge Road Center.

The paper collection last week netted 8½ tons.

CARES

Carol Leventhal and Barbara Lawson attended an all day conference on November 15, sponsored by the State Juvenile Services Administration. The meeting was entitled "Professional Growth Day".

Look Before Turning

Maryland drivers who turn right at stop lights should first look for a sign permitting it, says the Department of Transportation. Maryland has passed a law permitting right-turn-on-red, but the law does not take effect until July of 1978. Until then, the turn is permitted only where a sign is posted that says "right turn on red after stop." There is still some confusion on this. Therefore anyone who turns right at a red light where there is no sign is violating the existing traffic law.

Overpass Seen as Solution For Pedestrians to ERHS

by Barbara Likowski

The dangerous situation of Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High School (ERHS) students illegally crossing the Baltimore-Washington Parkway was discussed by City Council at their November 7 meeting. It was placed on the agenda at the request of councilman Thomas X. White, who had conferred with Howard Savage, a member of Roosevelt's PTSA. Savage, along with Christopher Davis, Community Affairs assistant to County executive Winfield Kelly, had thoroughly investigated the situation, found it to be extremely hazardous and recommended that an overpass be built over the Parkway for pedestrian and bicycle traffic. White felt that council should promote and participate in that action to the "maximum" extent.

Pat Brown, ERHS PTSA corresponding secretary, speaking to council on behalf of Savage, recounted the dangers of walking on the Parkway. She pointed out that although the school board had decided to bus all students to the school, it has not worked out that way. Students are still walking. With extra-curricular activities and the year round use of the school's tennis courts, added to the need of Greenbelt residents living on the east side of the Parkway (Greenbriar, Windsor Green, etc.) to have easy access to city shopping centers and facilities the PTSA sees the problem as eventually being predominantly a Greenbelt problem. Brown urged a united effort to work for an overpass over the highway.

The council directed the city staff to work with the Roosevelt PTSA and responsible government agencies and officials to promote this action and to investigate the availability of funding for such a project.

Possible Precedent

Gil Weidenfeld suggested that federal funds be sought. He also noted that a pedestrian overpass, built over the Parkway near Baltimore, might have set a precedent. Staff was asked to look into this possibility.

In investigating possible sites for an overpass, it was discovered that students were usually crossing near the rear of 24 court Ridge (Gardenway extended). This was considered a possible site, as was the location near McDonald field. While the first location had obviously been used by pedestrians, the second location had the advantage of not being wooded and therefore safer for small children crossing from Greenbriar.

Savage had contacted M. Slade Caltrider, district engineer for District 3 of the State Highway Administration. It was at first hoped that a quick and less expensive solution to the problem might be a modification of the present bridge over Rt. 193 (Greenbelt Road), which is state property. This does not seem feasible, however, because pedestrians cannot be easily separated from traffic.

It was reported that Congresswoman Gladys Spellman and State Senator Edward Conroy were actively seeking a solution to this matter. Their activities in this regard will be reported in a later issue of the News Review.

Cross-Country Meet

St. Hugh's young and small squad of 13 runners competed in the Washington area CYO cross-country championships at Lake Needwood, Montgomery County, on October 23. Ponnro Houl placed second in the 14-15 division over the hilly 2.2 mile course in 12:20 with teammate Chris Cantwell in third in 12:38. This fall the team participated in a six meet season over a variety of courses, all good background training for the track season starting in March. Members of the team include: Ponnro Houl and Chris Cantwell (14-15), Jay O'Hagan and Steve McCleary (10-11), Maria Murray (10-11), Tim McCleary and Chris Kronzer (8-9), Kathleen McCleary, Maureen and Katie Fern and Mary Jo Eckstrom (8-9), Tom Jones (7 and Under), and Lisa Eckstrom (7 and Under).

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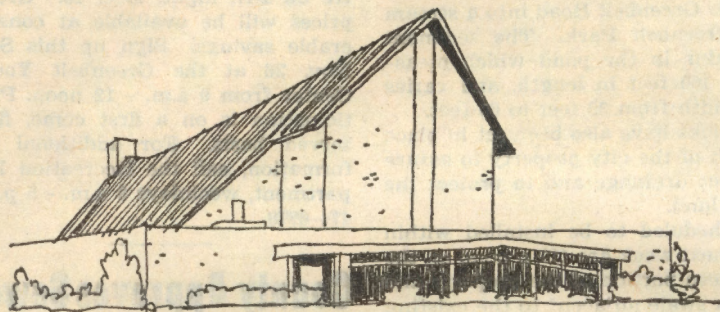
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Rosemary Fitzgerald, daughter of Mrs. Joan C. Fitzgerald, has been selected to sing with the world-traveled Hood College choir. Rosemary is a junior at Hood.

The winners at Duplicate Bridge on Nov. 11 were Ann and Tony Pisano, coming in first with Doris Johnson and Ruth Scheutle coming in second.

Linda Diane Kristop, daughter of Shirley Helen Adams, of Springhill Lake, was included in the national listing of Who's Who Among Students in American Colleges and Universities for the 1977-78 school year. Linda is a senior at the University of Oklahoma.

Dr. C. David Miller of Greenbelt was honored on Nov. 17 by Travenol Laboratories as one of several company scientists whose recent invention is helping to extend lives and improve medical care. Employed at Travenol's Aminco division in Silver Spring, Dr. Miller received a plaque with a replica of the patent covering his most recent invention.

Rehabilitating GHI HOMES

What do Greenbelt Homes, Inc. residents want most in their homes? More storage space for work and hobbies, replied 65% of those responding to a questionnaire recently sent out by one of GHI's rehabilitation consultants, The Morton Hoffman Company.

Storage and maintenance concerns received the bulk of the replies on the 75 questionnaires (1,608 were sent out) returned to the consultants. The consultants now will analyze the improvements homeowners have already made in light of what needs to be done and what residents would like done to their homes to make for a more enjoyable and safe community, as well as an energy-efficient and low-cost environment.

The major maintenance problems cited by residents were window deterioration, flaking and chipping of exterior paint, pest and roach infestation, electrical problems and clogged gutters and downspouts.

Parking

When GHI homes were built in the 30's and 40's, less than one parking space was allotted for each unit. Now, many families, especially those with teen-age drivers, own two to four cars. Forty-one percent of those responding to the questions on parking indicated a willingness to accept reserved spaces. Thirty-eight percent already have reserved spaces.

What kind of people now live in GHI? The days of the large GHI family unit seems to have waned, with 65% of the respondents saying they live in a one or two-person household. One of the hopes of the rehabilitation program is that the homes will become more attractive to the family with young children, thereby retaining much of the original character of Greenbelt with its emphasis on a diversity of income-levels and age groups.

Thirty percent of the heads of households are age 60 or over, while 46% are under 40 years old.

Stable Population

GHI seems to have a substantial stable population. Nearly half of the respondents, 47%, have lived in a GHI home for 10 years or more. And a whopping 81% of 686 respondents indicated they plan to remain in GHI indefinitely.

A number of GHI residents are retirees or have no full-time employed person as head of their household. Twenty-seven percent of 725 respondents fall into this category.

The results of this questionnaire are expected to aid the consultants in determining more exactly the needs of GHI residents in terms of actual changes to the physical structures of the homes as well as the financial condition of the residents. GHI hopes to provide much of the financing for its rehabilitation program through government grants and bank loans. The next report will focus on how GHI has financed the planning stages of rehabilitation and how it expects to finance the actual rehabilitation. (This report was prepared for GHI by Sandra Barnes)

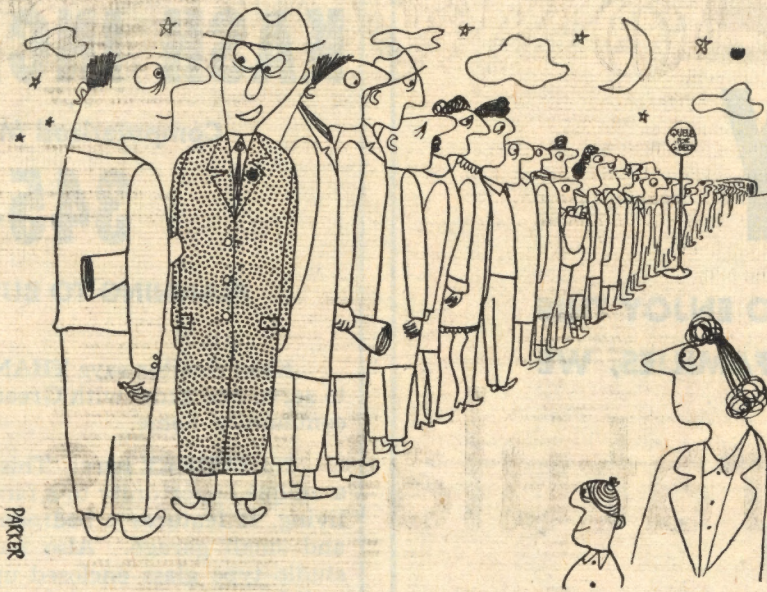


Twin Pines Newsletter

Twin Pines
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Special Meeting Dec. 14 to Consider By-Law Amendments



"No, this is the check-in for the Twin Pines meeting."

Among other positive features of the one-member, one-vote concept would be the reduction of the check-in time for Twin Pines membership meetings. It would only be necessary for a member to have his or her name checked off a list, instead of having each account verified.

The Board of Directors of Twin Pines has set the date of Dec. 14 for a special meeting of Twin Pines members. The purpose for the meeting is to consider and vote upon several amendments to the Bylaws of Twin Pines.

For several years Board Members and Member Relations Committee members have been testifying at State Legislative Committee hearings in support of bills submitted by the Prince Georges County delegation. This year the project was successful and the One Member-One Vote measure passed in both Houses and was signed into law. The one remaining step necessary before we can implement this Rochdale Principle is that we must amend our Bylaws so that they can specify the One Member-One Vote option.

The Special Meeting was called for this purpose. The Bylaw draft committee that was mandated at the last Membership Meeting has drafted revised Bylaws to include One Member-One Vote, and also to add to the accessibility of the franchise in the form of a mailed ballot, extending some of the scheduled deadlines for petition and meeting notices (see accompanying story), and spelling out the responsibilities of the Nominations and Elections Committee. Another point is the addition of a clause to permit day-of-deposit Certificates of Deposit.

Previously it was felt by some that the present Bylaws did not permit the Nominations and Elections Committee to exercise any selectivity regarding nominees for office. The current proposals clearly define that the committee may exercise such selectivity. An additional requirement is that any person suggested to the Committee as a potential nominee must be informed of the decision of the Committee regarding his or her candidacy approximately one week prior to the deadline for submission of petitions (see section on deadline changes). Thus, a person not nominated by committee would still have six days in which to circulate a petition and get the 25 signatures required for petition candidacy.

Another change in the proposed amendments to the Bylaws concerns the size of the Nominations and Elections Committee. The two alternate positions, if this proposal is passed, will no longer exist on this committee. It was felt that a committee of seven persons (in spite of the fact that only five were actual members) was too cumbersome a number to work with. Action necessary in the event of a committee vacancy was brought in line with the way similar situations are handled on the Board of Directors and the Member Relations Committee.

Summary

Why is the Board of Directors of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association considering the form of a proposed bylaw amendment to restrict the voting control at membership meetings to a one man-one vote basis? The reasoning cuts deeply into the cooperative nature of your association and into one of the basic tenets of the cooperative movement. The modern cooperative movement traces its roots back to the Rochdale Co-op Society formed in England in 1844. One of the cooperative principles put forth by the Rochdale Pioneers was the concept of democratic control in the form of only one vote for each member of the Society.

In the 1960s, the International Cooperative Alliance undertook a re-examination of cooperative principles and practices. The ICA re-statement of these tenets included the one vote per member concept for primary cooperatives.

Savings and loan associations in the United States were formed on the basis of a cooperative mutual concept, which over the years has developed into a mutual concept no longer true to the pure cooperative concept. An example of this development is the handling of voting rights. Until this year Maryland State law granted voting rights to members of state chartered savings and loan associations on the basis of each loan and share account. Under this provision a member with multiple accounts could cast a number of votes at any membership meeting, diluting the democratic control. During the 1977 session of the Maryland General Assembly, Senator Conroy, Delegates Green, Devlin, and Ross sponsored legislation which became law to permit any Maryland state chartered savings and loan association to adopt a bylaw provision to restrict voting control to members on a one vote per person basis. By adopting such a provision as this an association returns to a pure cooperative democratic control practice recognized by cooperatives in the United States and around the world.

These Bylaw proposals have the support of the Board and the Member Relations Committee. Adoption of these amendments will restore CO-OP voting.

If you have any questions about this significant vote, the Member Relations Committee invites you to study the Meeting Notice and to call any committee member about it.

DEADLINES

The following boxes indicate the different deadlines that would be followed if the proposed By-Laws are adopted:

(Note: First column is number of days before the annual meeting).

PRESENT BY-LAWS

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| 90 | Wednesday (Late Dec.) | Last Day for Nominations and Elections Committee to initiate process for election and nomination procedures. |
| 28 | Tuesday | Last deadline for News Review before meeting notice must be published by law. |
| 26 | Thursday | Publication Date of same News Review . |
| 25 | Friday | Date at which accounts are verified for voting purposes for the annual meeting.
DEADLINE FOR:
All petitions (nominations and agenda). Nominations and Elections Committee final report, which includes all nominations. |
| 20 | Wednesday | Legal requirement that meeting notice be published on or before this day. The News Review of the following day would not meet this requirement. |

Thus, according to the existing By-laws, a period of three days occurs between the final **News Review** deadline and the petition and report deadline. This caused a problem in 1975, when a supplemental notice was put into a metropolitan newspaper containing some petition information that was not included in the original notice. Although it is questionable as to how many people read it, it met the legal requirement.

Also, these By-laws leave no time for a person who is not nominated by the Nominations and Elections Committee to file petition after learning of that fact.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS:

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| 90 | Wednesday | Last Day for Nominations and Elections Committee to initiate Nominations and Election process. Requirements for this process have been spelled out in more detail. |
| 35 | Tuesday | Nominations and Elections Committee must inform all persons who were suggested to them whether or not they have been nominated. |
| 32 | Friday | Complete report of Nominations and Elections Committee must be turned in to the Secretary of the Association. |
| 29 | Monday | All petitions must be turned in to the Secretary of Twin Pines. |
| 28 | Tuesday (10 p.m.) | News Review deadline to meet legal publication requirement. |
| 20 | Wednesday | Legal requirement that meeting notice be published on or before this day. |
| 15 | Monday | Date at which accounts are verified for voting purposes. |
| 1 | Monday | All proxy forms must be turned in to Twin Pines office. |

The preceding dates close the gap between the petition deadlines and the **News Review** deadline. In addition, a person who anticipates nomination by the Nominations and Elections Committee, and does not get it, has six days to circulate and hand in a petition for candidacy. The Bylaw proposals require that such persons be informed of their right to petition for candidacy.

The verification date was changed, because, with the implementation of "One member-One vote," less time will be needed to verify account status.

The proxy deadline was the deadline which previously had been used according to election rules, but had previously not been written in to the Bylaws.

Third Quarter Financial Report

At a time when Savings and Loans across the country report their slowest month of the year, Twin Pines continues to show a healthy growth. With total assets now approaching \$11 million, Members savings have actually exceeded \$10 million, and before the end of the year Members will have received over \$0.5 million in dividends.

On the loan side, loans on GHI homes now account for a little over half the total Twin Pines' loans (54%), while Management reports they are able to place funds directly either on GHI loans or as first mortgages without having to buy

first mortgages from other companies.

In the Savings department, Pass-book Savings Accounts now form 58% of the business and Savings Certificates make up the remaining 42%.

Please Note:

Proxy and voting procedures at the Dec. 14 meeting must be done according to the present Bylaws, which permits one vote per account.

Copies of the Official Meeting Notice, including the By-Laws changes are available at the Twin Pines office, as are copies of the existing Bylaws.



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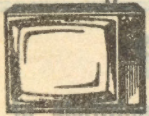
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The panel discussion will focus on the medical, social and constitutional implications of a cut off of funds.

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City Council Holds Short Special Meeting

by Mary Lou Williamson

At its special meeting November 16, the city council again inched its way along the circuitous and often rock-strewn path toward an elderly housing facility. Three items were unanimously passed, thus smoothing the path just ahead.

The maturity date for City Tax Anticipation Note 1977-1 was extended from November 1 to December 16, 1977. The note covers the funds needed for preliminary work on the elderly housing project. Full financing will come from the State of Maryland's Community Development Administration as soon as the formal papers are signed. Closing date has been tentatively set for December 1. The note will then be charged directly to the project instead of the city. The resolution passed 4-0. Councilman Thomas X. White was absent from the entire meeting.

The second resolution authorized the sale of the city-owned property at 22 Ridge Road to the City of Greenbelt Housing for the Elderly, Inc., for the sum of \$125,000. The staff had a bad moment when the figure was misread at \$750,000; the error was quickly corrected. The property, which consists of 3.13 acres, was originally purchased from the Holy Cross Lutheran Church with the assistance of state and federal open space grants. A condition of those grants now requires replacement of that property with land equal or greater acreage and value. The city is in the process of acquiring 9.96 acres in Parcel 2, which is valued in excess of the Ridge Road Center property.

Sewer Lines

Getting out 3' x 3' site drawings, City Manager James K. Giese, showed members of council and the press certain problems encountered in the sewer easement for the project. The new building must be connected to existing sewer lines on Greenbelt Homes, Inc. property. An easement granted to the city from GHI must be rewritten in order to (1) meet the outlet from the elderly housing building and (2) miss several large trees on GHI property. Plans are for the city public works crew to dig the trench and lay the new pipe so as to save those trees. The cost will be billed to the project. By contrast, a contractor, it is thought, would lay the pipe the quickest and cheapest way, bulldozing in a straight line.

Council authorized the manager to seek a new easement from GHI at its special board meeting held the next evening. (When contacted later, Giese told the News Review that the GHI Board approved the new easement.)

Congratulates News Review

A resolution congratulating the News Review on the occasion of its fortieth anniversary on November 24 was introduced by Councilman Charles Schwan and seconded by Gil Weidenfeld. The atmosphere during the meeting was warm and light-hearted; jokes were flying. Members of the press had been instructed to sit at their new press table.

"The News Review, you know, is not a real newspaper, it has no comic strips," hooted one councilman. The rejoinder by another, "Oh yes it is, the comic strips are on the letters-to-the-editor page." Mayor, councilmen and manager vied for the evening's title of "humorist."

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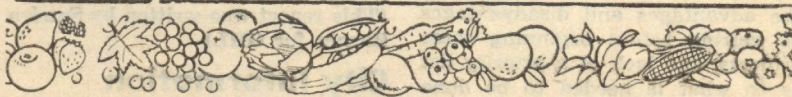
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GHI Board, Committees Discuss Rehabilitation

In a rare Saturday session, the Greenbelt Homes, Inc. Board of Directors, together with staff and over 40 members of six GHI committees, met on November 19 to discuss the first rehabilitation and planning draft submitted by Mark Beck Associates. Mark Beck is GHI's consultant, hired to submit a report on rehabilitation of GHI homes.

Contributions from nearly everyone present led to a methodical discussion of the study, page by page for 79 pages. All present seemed to feel that the meeting was very beneficial—uncovering the tip of the iceberg leading to many similar meetings over a period of years to determine just exactly what the corporation's rehabilitation program will be.

Vital Program

Every committee member agreed that rehabilitation is necessary, vital really to maintain the value of GHI homes for resales and to maintain the homes in a safe, enjoyable and aesthetically pleasing manner. GHI has the responsibility, according to each member's Mutual Ownership Contract, stated board member Mary Clarke, "for the safety, care and cleanliness of the dwelling unit and surrounding premises" and it is necessary to rehabilitate the homes in order to meet each member's contractual agreement with GHI.

Generally, board and GHI members were pleased to have the Mark Beck report, but felt there were some areas that lacked specific details. The members had before them the rehabilitation part of the study without the accompanying financial analysis, and this was disadvantageous, some felt.

Other areas of concern involved the need for more information on the advantages and disadvantages of waiting before beginning some projects, and lack of a priority list as to what is needed to be done first. For example, should electrical heavy-up be done before, after or at the same time as insulation of attics and walls.

Members sought more information justifying the need for items in the "Basic Package," such as trapped sewer connections as opposed to items in the "Optional Package," such as storm doors.

The "Basic Rehabilitation Package" includes those items which have the highest priority in terms of saving energy and reducing maintenance costs, and are basically the responsibility of the corporation.

The "Optional Rehabilitation Package" includes those improve-

ments which the member may wish to make, but are less critical to the safety, maintenance and appearance of his home.

A third plan, the "Alternate Package," describes alternate methods for solving the major problems as described in the "Basic Package." Ultimately the board will decide what is "basic," and what is "optional."

Members stressed the need for details on what—if any—increases in monthly charges will occur and—equally important—what the monthly savings will be once the rehabilitation begins.

Dean Mulder, Director of Maintenance, desired a more detailed engineering survey and market analysis of the area. When GHI homes are improved, what will this mean to the cost of buying or selling a home? Will the homes be easier to sell because they have been "modernized"?

More information was asked for on storage space, since this is what most people indicated they wanted when surveyed by the consultants.

Board chairman Jim Smith concluded the session by noting that GHI would proceed with rehabilitation in a very orderly manner, doing those projects which will be most cost-effective first and in a way in which the members will get the most value for what they are charged.

(This report was written by Sandra Barnes for GHI.)

City Information On Leaf Collection

The city has received a number of inquiries as to why leaves were not picked up or why a leaf pick-up schedule has not been announced. The last few weeks represent the bulk of the leaf collection and disposal time of the year. The city has operated its leaf vacuum machine as many as six days a week and is collecting the leaves as fast as possible. While the city has given consideration to the establishing of a pick-up schedule, it has determined that providing a meaningful schedule would not be possible, as there are too many factors such as weather and equipment breakdowns, affecting the schedule.

Residents are also urged to separate all other yard trash from the leaves as the leaf vacuum machine can only pick up leaves. The inadvertent pick-up of branches and stones can cause damage to the machine.

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Recreation Review

The Gallery Deli team won the 1977 Women's Football League Championship on Nov. 20 at Braden Field, defeating the Plain Americans. The win left a two-way tie for second place with the Greenbelt National Bus. No play-off is planned.

Holiday Hours HOLIDAY HOURS

The Youth Center and Springhill Lake Recreation Center will operate on an extended hour schedule on Fri., Nov. 25. The centers will be open from 12 noon to 11 p.m. for basketball, bumper pool, ping pong and TV.

Skating at Center School

The Recreation Department sponsored roller skating program is held at the Greenbelt Elementary School. The 1st thru 3rd graders skate on Wednesdays with the 4th thru 6th graders on Friday, 4:30 to 6 p.m. Rink skates may be rented. A nominal fee is charged at the door.

Greenbelt Christmas Craft Show and Sale

Fri., Dec. 2, 7-9 p.m.; Sat., Dec. 3, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. and Sun., Dec. 4, 1 p.m. - 5 p.m. held at the Youth Center. Over 70 area craftspeople will be exhibiting and selling plus the Goddard Garden Club Greens Show.

Daisies 4-H Club

by Lucile Hammond

On November 13 the Daisies 4-H Club had a meeting and elected the following officers: Leader, Jane Hawes; Junior leaders, Peggy Coyne and Sharon Hawes; President, Lori Hawes; Vice president, Dolly Parrish; Secretary, Colleen McCarthy; and Treasurer, Chris Rall. Kelly Cone and Carolyn Crowley will be game leaders and Kelly McCarthy is in charge of birthdays. Lucile Hammond has the post of reporter.

After the election the group discussed plans for participation in the Festival of Lights.

Greenbelt's Library

A House Plant Seminar will be presented at the library on Tues., Nov. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Ray Bosmans and Bob Stewart, Cooperative Extension Service Agents, Horticulture, Prince Georges County will conduct the program. General house plant care plus tropical foliage plants will be discussed. The speakers will explain how to select and grow them. Admission is free. For details call 699-3500, ext. 266.

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Police Blotter

Officers assisted operators of 16 disabled vehicles this week. Eleven accidents were reported, two as hit and run. Thirteen animal complaints were handled and two animals were impounded.

Investigation is continuing in three breaking and enterings that occurred last week. One took place on Lakeside Drive during evening hours. Two occurred in Springhill Lake and Greenbriar while the owners were at work. Money, television and some clothing were taken.

A resident of Greenbriar reported that as she entered her apartment building recently at 9 a.m. she was approached from behind and was grabbed; as she screamed her assailant grabbed her purse and ran. A lookout has been issued and investigation is continuing.

Seventeen juvenile complaints were received last week. PFC Lane apprehended a 17 year old male resident and charged him with operating under the influence of alcohol. PFC Ceccarelli apprehended a 17 year old girl who was reported as a runaway from Anne Arundel County; she was returned to the custody of her parents.

Officer Craddock, after checking a man sitting in a van late at night, observed him again several hours later. Checking again, he observed a motorcycle in the rear of the van. As a result, the man was charged with unauthorized use of a vehicle and several other charges. He was held in lieu of \$1,000 bond.

Offier Sappington, after stopping a man for a traffic violation, learned he was wanted by the Sheriff's Department for outstanding warrants. He was turned over to that Department.